

out of my hand, and following me like a  
 dog. I never  
 saw so gentle and trustworthy a creature.  
 His hair has  
 grown very long, thick, and woolly, and  
 curls in parts  
 like that of a retriever. His sweet ways have  
 provided  
 him with a home after his powerful legs  
 and big feet  
 have trudged with me to Trebizond, for my  
 hosts here,  
 who are old and somewhat frail, have taken  
 such a fancy  
 to his gentleness and winsomeness that he  
 is to return  
 to them when the roads open in the spring.

It was a grand ride from Undzag over  
 lofty mountain  
 passes to the exquisitely-situated village  
 of Ghazit,  
 built in a deep *cul de sac* above the  
 lake. Ter-  
 races, one above another, rise from the lake  
 shore, so  
 beautifully cultivated as to realise Emerson's  
 description  
 of the appearance of English soil, " Tilled  
 with a pencil  
 instead of a plough." A church stands on a  
 height, and  
 the village, almost hidden among magnificent  
 walnuts, is  
 crowded upon a terrace of green sward at the  
 foot of a  
 semicircle of mountains which wall it in from  
 the world.  
 The narrow village road, with its low, deep-  
 eaved stone  
 houses, was prettily brightened by colour,  
 for all the  
 women were dressed more or less in red,  
 and wore high  
 red coronets with dependent strings of coins,  
 and broad  
 aprons, reaching from the throat to the  
 feet, of coarse  
 dark blue cotton, completely covered with  
 handsome  
 patterns worked in cross-stitch in silk.

Fine walnut trees are one of the  
 specialities of this part  
 of Turkey. They provide much of the oil which  
 is used

during the long fasts which both Armenians  
and Syrians  
observe, and they develop very large woody  
excrescences  
or knots, the grain and mottling of which are  
peculiarly  
beautiful. These are sought for by buyers  
for Paris  
houses even in the remote valleys of  
Kurdistan for use  
in the making and veneering of furniture,  
especially of  
pianos. Fortunately the removal of this  
growth does not